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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on Perspectives for Intelligence -
1975-1980

REFERENCE: Draft memo, same subject (ER 74-1733).

1. We believe this paper contains in general a good overview of major world problems and the attendant intelligence role during the next five years. Following are a few comments on what we consider to be worthy additions or corrections.

2. General:

a. Part I should reflect the continuing US concern with the capabilities of leading manufacturing nations to compete successfully with the U.S. in the economic area and the technological factors underlying international trade and economic issues. We also believe that some mention should be made in Part I of the long-term effects of limited material resources, particularly energy, on world trade, political and technological trends. In the USSR section, the long-range implications of current US-USSR bilateral agreements and their potential impact on Soviet military, technological and economic capabilities should be noted. Also in the same section we believe that the importance of technological advances to the improvement and development of strategic weapon systems should be mentioned.

b. In the introductory section of Part II, the need for more comprehensive assessments should be noted.

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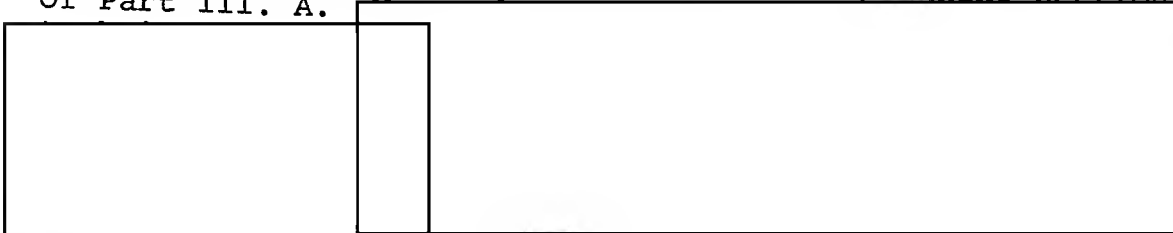
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Interdisciplinary analysis teams and jointly prepared products (e.g., including economic and S&T interests) with a single corporate view for the policymaker--rather than several separate views--are in order. In the USSR section, Part II, we believe some mention should be made of the worldwide Soviet effort to acquire advanced scientific and technological assistance and its potential impact on both military and economic capabilities. In the discussion on Europe, the need for coverage of technological as well as political and economic activities should be noted in the second sentence. In the Economics section, Part II, assessments of the impact of foreign technological innovations and international technology transfer on the economic capabilities of foreign nations should be clearly reflected as a major intelligence problem.

c. We feel that the paper should comment on the following area, which could relate to the planning section of Part III. A.

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we suggest that perhaps the paper might place additional emphasis on the requirement for advanced contingency planning in case it is necessary to relocate or restructure the support of one or more of our major technical collection resources.



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3. Specific:



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b. Page 15, item (2) - This should be deleted. Space exploitation and the use of space with respect to national territories is more likely a minor problem between nations and not a major problem. There has been a tacit acceptance in most of the world of space exploitation by the USSR and the US; we do not see a major future international problem here.

c. On page 16, paragraph 3, we recognize the fact that the exploitation of large amounts of data will be a continuing problem facing the Intelligence Community. However, it would be a mistake to imply that the processing problem is not being attacked in a systematic, effective manner. We therefore recommend deletion of paragraph 4. a.

d. In the last line on page 17, we prefer "technological" instead of "technical" when referring to the types of target objectives.



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